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1. DANISH PRESS REPORTS THAT DENMARK'S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DURING THE DECEMBER 16, 1975 EC MINISTER COUNCIL MEETING IN BRUSSELS PROPOSED TO ABOLISH THE ENTIRE

EC FISHING FLEET FUEL SUSBSIDY PROGRAM. THE 50 PERCENT SUBSIDY HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE THE START OF THE ENERY CRISIS IN 1973. SURPRISINGLY, SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL WAS OBTAINED BY A MAJORITY OF THE OTHER EC NATIONS AND BY THE EC COMMISSION. ONLY FRANCE AND ITALY, REPORTEDLY, WILL NOT SUPPORT THEPROPOSAL. FINAL ABOLISHMENT OF THE SUBSIDY WILL TAKE PLACE DURING A SCHEDULED DECEMBER 22, UNCLASSIFIED

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1976 MEETING OF EC FISHERIES ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

2. COMMENT: BECAUSE OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION IN GENERAL TO DIRECT SUBSIDIES FOR ITS AGRICULTURE AND FISHING INDUSTRIES, THEY HAVE ONLY PERMITTED USE OF THIS SUBSIDY FOR ONE 3 MONTH PERIOD. DANISH FISHING INDUSTRY IS NOT EXPECTED TO OBJECT BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN BENEFITING FROM THE PROGRAM.FURTHERMORE, THE ABOLITION COULD BE BENEFICAL THE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF THE INDUSTRY WITHIN THE EC. DEAN

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